



### Parking permit purchases

current parking permits issued on campus

3,604

projected parking permits we would need on campus

4,542

= 100 parking spaces

### Pizza slice consumption

14,725

18,556

current pizza slice consumption per semester

projected pizza slice consumption per semester

= 500 pizza slices

# WHAT IF ENROLLMENT GREW TO 9,000?

## Crowded campus might over flow

By Trey Williams  
News Editor

Since campaigning in 2007, President Barack Obama has made clear what he values most. Education is among the most prevalent: providing quality teachers, graduating more high school and college students and seeing an increase in college and university enrollment.

In his State of the State Address, Governor Jay Nixon backed up Obama's cry for better education, saying that as far as Missouri is concerned, he would like to see an enrollment growth of about 30 percent by 2025.

Nine thousand, two hundred and seventy-one is the number of students Northwest would have if the current population of 7,142 students increased by 30 percent. Considering this goal is 14 years down the road, no plan is in place to see it reached or to counteract it. However, it still has University officials, administrators and employees such as Provost Doug Dunham, wondering, what if?

"Here's the problem," Dunham said. "It's fine to set those goals, but... there are going to be clearly personnel and infrastructure needs in order to meet those goals. We cannot just all of a sudden decide we're going to increase our student population to meet those goals without additional support."

With the state currently trying to bounce back from a weak economy, recent budget cuts to two and four-year institutions also need to be taken into account. One area where the University will need "additional support" is in hiring new instructors to keep the student to faculty ratio down.

"There was a bump, (the student-to-faculty ratio) went up to 22:1 one year but we're back down to 21 which is about where it should be," Dunham said. "It's still too high because it's the highest in the state for four year (insti-

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## Student Senate ponders annual reception

By Leslie Nelson  
Asst. News Editor

Student Senate is working to reschedule the annual legislative reception after the University closed for three days last week.

For the past 20 years, a group of Northwest students, faculty and administrative staff have traveled to the capitol in Jefferson City to speak with state legislators.

Senate will decide whether or not Northwest will attend this year at the next meeting on Tuesday.

If Senate would decide not to go, it would be the first time in a very long time.

"It's a lot of work to put in to planning the event and then to reschedule it for three weeks later," Senate President Quentin Templeton said. "They're working and struggling, but hopefully we'll be able to get down there."

Northwest was the first four-year university to travel to the capitol to lobby for their own school. Other universities and colleges followed soon after.

The students leave early in the morning, board a bus and travel to the capitol. They spend the day talking to legislators, senators and representatives.

"It just puts our name out there and helps us, hopefully, with funding eventually," governmental affairs co-chair Jacqueline Long said. "We make a point to show that we are a good school."

The students lobby to help legislators remember Northwest when it comes to voting.

"The legislative reception has a dual purpose," Templeton said. "On one side, I look at it as trying to inform our students about the legislative process. The other side is trying to help senators and representatives, who maybe it's their first year in congress or maybe they've never been to Maryville before, understand what Northwest is and what we're about and why we're important to the state."

The students tell legislators what makes Northwest different than other Missouri universities. They talk about the state championships we have won, the textbook rental system, the recycling program and other aspects that make our University stand out.

Templeton and Long have attended in previous years and believe it is beneficial to both Northwest and the capitol.

"It's a little bit of a different perspective on legislators because it's coming from students, which I think is cool," Templeton said.

# Missouri recovers from record breaking storm

By Trey Williams  
News Editor

Missouri's wicked whirling winter storm of 2011 has ceased, but still traveling the frigid winter air are stories of the blizzard that set records and demanded a state of emergency.

The "Snowpocalypse," as it has been referred to, had citizens and officials alike tracking it from its very first mention. The National Weather Service regularly sees traffic on its website of around 70 million views. For the storm

that started Feb. 1 they received over 2 billion views, according to Curtis Carey, National Weather Service spokesman.

People were in a panic leading up to the blizzard and for good reason. Some cities like Jefferson City reported record snow falls anywhere from 18 to 20 inches.

More record snow falls were recorded as well as thousands of dollars worth of work to rebound it, so head to our website to check out an interactive map and get more statistics.

Check out the storm as it hit three major cities in our interactive map.



ABRAHAM RAMIREZ WALKS to Wells Hall on Wednesday as temperatures drop into the single digits. Last week's storm left students scrambling for warmer coats and hiding out at home.

LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST



# Show Choir sings pop tunes

## Northwest hosts high schools with annual festival

By Amanda Schulte-Smith  
Features Editor

Music was in the air Saturday as Northwest hosted their annual Show/Jazz Choir Festival. The annual festival allows high school students from all over to compete as a group in front of college judges.

The Performing Arts Center had been transformed into a Broadway stage as high schools sang familiar tunes that pleased judges and viewers alike. There were a total of 20 schools that attended the event, bringing family members and friends with them.

The show was run by Northwest Show Choir stu-

dents Saturday to help things run smoothly. They even performed two songs. Kelsey Levi, a member of Celebration, said she enjoyed being a part of the festival.

"I really enjoyed how it was run, direction wise, and I really liked watching all the choirs," Levi said.

University students began their performance by answering questions about why they are a part of show choir and advice they wanted to give to students attending the festival.

Paul Mayhew, Northwest's Show Choir Director, was proud to see members of Celebration working hard to put the show together.

"We were excited to hear so many schools could make it, with the weather being as it was. We've been hosting this show for 20 years at least so we

were prepared," Mayhew said.

The experience gives show choir members the opportunity to meet Northwest Choir students and receive pointers from judges. The show has proved to be beneficial for students as even some Northwest singers have once attended the festival in high school. The show choir students put hard work into the show creating a friendly atmosphere for the high school students, allowing them to feel comfortable on stage.

Winners of the festival were Millard West High school from Omaha, Neb. Taking first and Oak Park High School placing second.

The University completed the day of song by acknowledging the judges for their time and input, as well as awarding all choir directors with a certificate of appreciation.



CHRISTINE CHINBERG | EDITOR OF VISUAL JOURNALISM

VILLA DUCHESNE'S JAZZ choir, "Touch of class," performed Saturday along with many other high school show choirs at Northwest's Show Choir Festival.

# Slam Poetry breaks black stereotypes

By Mary Connors  
Missourian Reporter

Sonya Renee Taylor, spoken word artist, actress and activist, uses her words to touch and inspire the lives of everyone she meets.

Some people see public speaking as a fearful obligation. The nerve-wracking task not only requires confidence, but great articulation and the charm to please a crowd. However, to Taylor, winner of the HBO Def Poet and National Poetry Slam contest, freedom of expression comes all too naturally. The humble and charismatic poet came to campus and blessed the mic with her epic lyrics Thursday, Feb. 3 in the Student Union.

Renee started her poetic journey in 2003, when her boss asked her to speak at a work benefit.

"That was my first time speaking out loud and things flourished from there," Taylor said.

Prior to becoming a poet, she worked in Washington D.C. fighting against the AIDS



DARRELL LONG | VISUAL JOURNALIST

POET SONYA RENEE spoke Thursday night on the 2nd floor of the Student Union. Her poems ranged from childhood experiences to her love life, and even included a comedic poem.

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## FAFSA Frenzy encourages students to fill out financial aid

By Trey Williams  
News Editor

February is recognized by the Missouri Department of Higher Education as Financial Aid Awareness Month. All throughout the month, 58 businesses, schools and universities in Missouri will have a FAFSA Frenzy, according to www.dhe.mo.gov.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 in Colden Hall, room 1200, Northwest employees will offer their

time and support to help anyone needing to complete their FAFSA form for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Attendees will need to bring their 2010 W-2 forms, copies of their 2010 tax forms and both their student PIN and parent PIN. Students and parents can apply for PINs at www.pin.ed.gov.

According to the MDHE, if students or their parents have not yet completed their 2010 tax returns, they will need to bring any statements

of interest earned in 2010, any 1099 forms and any other forms required to complete their taxes.

"The FAFSA is the primary application used by federal, state and institutional financial assistance entities in determining an individual's eligibility for grants, loans, work-study and scholarships," according to MDHE.

The financial aid office will be in attendance to help students and families fill out the online FAFSA form.

## Weekend Events

### Feb 11 Friday

#### All Day

- Art Exhibit: Juried Student Show
- Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building The Juried Student Show will be displayed in the Olive DeLuce Gallery Jan. 24 through Feb. 11.
- Fall 2011 student teaching applications due in TESS Office
- Geo Club Love Rock Sale
- Juried Undergraduate Student Art Exhibit closes
- Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- National Foundation Day, Japan
- Tickets on Sale - The Montana Rep presents Bus Stop
- Administration Building In conjunction with the Encore Performing Arts Series, "The Montana Rep presents Bus Stop" will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in the Ron Houston Center.

#### 9:00 am

- Common Core State Standards Workshop
- J.W. Jones Student Union

#### 9:00 am

- Health Risk Assessment
- J.W. Jones Student Union

#### 2:00 pm

- Softball at Drury University, Springfield, Mo.

#### 6:00 pm

- Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the Ministry Center
- The Station

#### 7:00 pm

- Vagina Monologues
- Wesley Student Center

#### 7:13 pm

- 8th Annual Crimson and Cream Scholarship Pageant
- Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

### Feb 12 Saturday

#### All Day

- Lincoln's Birthday
- MENC Junior High Music Festival
- Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Softball at Northeastern State Tournament, Tahlequah, Okla.
- St. Joseph Alumni and Friends Chapter Fundraiser
- Buffalo Wild Wings Join the St. Joseph Alumni and Friends Chapter at Buffalo Wild Wings.

#### 8:00 am

- ACT
- Colden Hall

#### 5:30 pm

- Women's basketball at Missouri Western, St. Joseph
- Vagina Monologues
- Wesley Student Center

#### 7:30 pm

- Men's basketball at Missouri Western, St. Joseph

#### 7:30 pm

- Sweetheart Big Band Dance
- Maryville Country Club Dance the night away from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Sweetheart Big Band Dance.

### Feb 13 Sunday

#### All Day

- Softball at Northeastern State Tournament, Tahlequah, Okla.

#### 2:00 pm

- Vagina Monologues
- Wesley Student Center

#### 7:00 pm

- Newman Catholic Center Mass
- Newman Catholic Center

#### 7:00 pm

- Tribute to the Ladies
- J.W. Jones Student Union sponsored by the Minority Men's Organization in conjunction with Black History Month

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HALEY CHILES, 10, twirls with her dad, Matt, at the Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 4.



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Annual dance attracts 300 couples

Community center hosts Daddy Daughter Dance

By Ben Lawson  
Missourian Reporter

Proud fathers led their eager daughters out to dance at Maryville’s Daddy Daughter Dance. Over 300 fathers and daughters danced and swayed to “Tiny Dancer” and “Don’t Stop Believin’” Feb. 4 at the Maryville Community Center.

The event marked the seventh annual Daddy Daughter Dance held at the Community Center. According to Recreation Coordinator Shelly Hersh, the number has grown each year, forcing the event to move to larger

locations.

“It started as twenty couples in an aerobics classroom and has grown to a full gym of people,” Hersh said.

Hersh has worked on the project since its creation in 2004. A Northwest student started the program during an internship and Northwest students still lead it. Students from Susan Myllykangas Recreation Programming class coordinated the event by preparing a budget, setting up games and de-

signing posters to advertise the event.

“It gives students hands-on opportunities to help organize and program activities for the community,” Myllykangas said.

This year, fathers and their daughters danced as well as participated in a hula-hoop contest and a variation of musical chairs replaced with hula-hoops.

Matt Shurvington appreciates that the community puts on events like this one.

“It’s just a chance to spend time with my little girl before she grows up.”  
Matt Shurvington

“It’s just a chance to spend time with my little girl before she grows up,” Shurvington said.

Tickets for the event were \$25 per couple plus \$15 for any additional child attending. Last year’s event raised \$900 for the Maryville Parks and Recreation department. The total from this year has not yet been determined.

The Community Center also started a Mother-Son Dance in the fall. This event has been done twice now and Hersh is confident in the strength of the program.

“It (Mother-Son Dance) seems to be growing at the same rate as the Daddy-Daughter Dance, which is definitely a good thing,” Hersh said.

Schools still on target for normal number of days in session

By Leslie Nelson  
Asst. News Editor

While students were thrilled to miss four days of school during last week’s snowstorm, the Maryville R-II school district office rearranged their calendars to recover the lost time.

Missouri law states that students must be in school for 174 days for a total of 1,044 hours. Luckily, the district built a few makeup days into this year’s calendar.

“One of those days we’re

making up on Presidents’ Day and the others will be tacked on to the end of our original calendar,” assistant superintendent Steve Klotz said.

Along with the addition of school days, the district office and schools had to reschedule sports and other activities.

“In the middle of late January and early February, it causes lots of issues with rescheduling,” Klotz said.

In addition to sports, a Northwest Technical School Skills USA competition and Court Warming had to be postponed.

“It causes our folks that are in charge of activities to really hustle around and try to figure some rescheduling things out,” Klotz said.

Although canceling school is a hassle, Maryville R-II school district calls snow days with the safety of the students in mind.

Klotz and other district office members drive the roads to decide if it is safe enough for students to be riding the busses or driving themselves to and from school.

Maryville blood supply replenished

By Philip Gruenwald  
Associate Editor

Charles Wilmes gave blood for the 58th time Tuesday, contributing to his 11-gallon lifetime donation volume. Wilmes has done his part to keep the blood supply up in spite of cold weather. However, he is only one donor.

Across the northwest region of Missouri, winter weather has contributed to a shortage of blood donors for the Community Blood Center. As a result, daily blood quotas are low.

“We’ve been running at a half-day supply or under on some of our types of blood,” Betty Tinkle, donor recruitment representative for northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas City, said. “O negative blood has been really, really bad.”

Tinkle explained that O negative blood is the most desirable due to its universal use. In emergency rooms, O negative is used to treat any patient with any blood type.

All of the blood used by the St. Francis Hospital and Health Center comes



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LOCAL RESIDENT CHARLES Wilmes donates blood to the Community Blood Center Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Maryville. Wilmes has donated blood 58 times, which equals about 11 gallons of blood.

exclusively from Maryville donors, which localizes the blood shortage problem. Although blood drives across the six locations in

Maryville are subjectively successful, they have still seen a drop in participation.

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MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE REPORTS

Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Jan. 18  
A Maryville subject reported a Domestic Dispute between two individuals on the side of the highway near Maryville, Mo. After investigation Candice L. Perkins, 33, Wathena, KS was arrested on a Buchanan County warrant.

Jan. 19  
A Parnell, Mo. subject fraudulent use to his/her debit/credit card.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported a domestic disturbance. After investigation Sherri D. Livenwood, 42, Maryville, Mo. and James M. Lenz, 23, Maryville, Mo. were both arrested for domestic assault 3rd degree. Livenwood was released on a summons. Lenz was served and stayed for an 8 hour Detox.

Jan. 20  
A Ravenwood, Mo. subject reported a domestic dispute between she and her husband. After investigation David R. Hartley, 30, Ravenwood, Mo. was arrested on a 24-hour hold for domestic assault 3rd degree and later released on a summons.

Brian A. Hess, 36, Oregon, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Child, Child Molestation, Promote Pornography to a Minor, and Possession of Child Pornography.

Jan. 21  
Petelo T. Sua, 19, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for Domestic Assault – 2nd degree.

Nicholas L. Bradshaw, 21, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for resisting/interfering with an arrest of a felony.

Aaron J. Walker, 27, Ravenwood, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for dist/del/manf/producing or attempting to or possess with intent to dist/del/manf/produce a controlled substance.

Jade A. Gross, 22, Maryville, Mo. was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

A Parnell, Mo. subject reported fraudulent use to her debit/credit card.

Ralph W. Morris, 35, Springfield, Mo. was arrested on a McDonough Illinois warrant for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

A Burlington Jct., Mo. subject reported items had been stolen from her purse.

An Elmo, Mo. subject reported that approximately 20 gallons had been stolen from the Lincoln Township in Elmo, Mo.

Jan. 22  
Maryville, Mo., subject reported an accidental structure fire.

Jan. 23  
A Ravenwood, Mo. subject reported a trespassing complaint.

David L. Berry, 34, Shenandoah, IA was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 25  
Todd L. Stout, 47, Rock Port, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant

for 3 counts of stealing motor fuel.

Jessica R. Christie, 21, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for violation of order of protection for an adult.

Randall R. McCall, 56, Lee Summit, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Misdemeanor warrant for operating a motor vehicle while license was revoked.

Dena R. Vicars, 41, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for knowingly burning or exploding.

Jan. 27  
Alphonzo K. Smith, 36, Kansas City, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for operating a motor vehicle while driver’s license was revoked.

Matthew Y. Hunter, 53, Ravenwood, Mo. was served a Nodaway County warrant for unlawful use of a weapon.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported that her debit/credit card had been fraudulently used.

Jan. 28  
Maryville, Mo., a subject reported that his identity was stolen.


Jan. 30  
Monty R. Chitty, 31, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 31  
Adam F. Draper, 32, Guilford, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

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BRIAN HESSE TEACHES his Intro to Government class on Wednesday in Valk. With a possible 30 percent increase in student population, general education classes like this would need to either increase in size or frequency.

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OUR VIEW

## Quality, not quantity

In an effort to increase the number of college graduates by about 30 percent in the next nine years, Governor Jay Nixon, a Democrat, has opted to increase the A+ Scholarship Program by a whopping \$8 million. This aids only eligible high school graduates pursuing a public community college or trade school by providing them with free tuition for the first two years. However, these colleges cannot bear the full load of Nixon's graduate expansion program by themselves.

Put simply, Missouri cannot handle the economic strain of 30 percent more college graduates unless a majority of them go through the less expensive community colleges and trade schools. This is an investment in Missouri's economy, and our taxpayers cannot afford the down payment. Many of them are still rebounding off a recession and

are worried about their own job security, especially with the major influx of hundreds of thousands of new college graduates into the job market.

Trade schools should be the ones receiving the biggest increase in enrollment, because, dollar for dollar, they have a stronger priority of teaching the skills required for immediate job placement. Liberal art schools like Northwest, while good for the overall education of an individual, distracts from the simple purpose of transforming a student into an employee.

Consider Nixon's strategy. The overall goal of his plan is to have a more competitive workforce, with a thoroughly educated citizenry as merely a byproduct. If we can assume that this is true, community colleges and trade schools should be the focus of Nixon's plan.

## The coming end of cheap foreign labor

Once a vast source of cheap labor, the newly industrialized China may see workers' rights and higher compensation dull their competitive edge. In doing so, they could change the way America does business abroad.

Mention "Chinese labor" to a CEO of a large organization, and they will boast unbelievable figures telling of the massive amount of profit they have retained since opening business in China. For example, when Wal-Mart began doing business internationally around 1990, their profits skyrocketed after their production costs dropped. Their prices sank mildly for the consumer while their mark-ups made them the first company to record \$250 trillion in sales.

Mention "Chinese labor" to a human rights activist, however, and the unbelievable figures become a bleak, revealing report on an industry seemingly void of workers' rights. The wages are abysmally low. Workers live in factory complexes, spending their working careers between their dormitories and manufacturing lines, away from their family.

Workers may also be subject to long shifts as well, especially in the case of Wintek, a major technological supplier for Apple. According to China's Institute of Public and Environmental affairs, Wintek workers clock in an average of 136 overtime hours a month.

Does this sound familiar? China is currently experiencing an economic boom at the expense of their unskilled laborers. Yes, their progress mirrors that which took place during our own Industrial Revolution. Long hours for little pay with little regard for worker safety is how our country earned its greatness, too.

If these are the signs of growing pains for China, the recent laborer revolts are a sign of teething. According to the Chinese Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, labor disputes and lawsuits tripled between 2004 and 2009. The copycat suicides that made Foxconn a household name in 2010 are a tragic example of the growing unrest in Chinese labor.

Communication technology is the force expediting this worker revolution. Through widespread use of the Internet, Chinese laborers see more desirable working conditions in more developed countries and begin to question, "Why can't we have that?"

This new awareness has resulted in better working conditions, more reasonable work hours and, finally, higher pay. Over the past five years, minimum wage in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Nanjing has doubled, according to Chinese news source Asahi. It currently rests at 1,000 yuan per month, or about \$153.

Among other things, this may solve America's problem with foreign labor, or at least waylay it until we find someone else to exploit. If Chinese businesses decide to pay their workers justly, it could create a ripple effect of responsible business practices worldwide. Perhaps now American businesses will pay a more honest price for foreign labor.



Philip Gruenwald  
Associate Editor

CAMPUS TALK

### How would Northwest be different if we had 9,000 students?



"I'm not sure we have the service or infrastructure in place, but that doesn't mean we can't grow."

**Jodelle Strauch**  
Assistant Professor of  
Mass Communication



"I don't think I would like class as much. Now they are small and I feel like I can interact with my professor, and parking would suck even more."

**Kellie Tinkham**  
Environmental  
Geology



"I think it would be exciting to see the University grow, continue to evolve and broaden the services and education we can provide to our community and region."

**Mark Hornickel**  
Media Relations  
Specialist



"I think a lot of the things we take for granted now, laptop and book rental for example, would go away. I think certain things would be cut but some would benefit."

**Shane Steeley**  
Journalism



"The class sizes would be bigger and not as personal or beneficial. Small class sizes are one of the reasons I came to Northwest. I don't think we would have as close of a community either."

**Kiersten Vette**  
Undecided

## Child pornography heats up 'Skins' controversy

Define the line between innocent and inappropriate. Ask MTV to offer that definition and we are in a whole new dictionary – a dictionary that not only blurs the line but offers a new interpretation and provokes the people reading it.

MTV's newest conquest "Skins", an adaption of the previously aired British version, does just that as they have the Parent Television Council running to the Department of Justice about their use of underage actors in compromising positions.

The program, known for its frank depictions of sex, substance abuse and other scandalous teenage pursuits, casts previously unknown actors ranging from 15 to 20 years old. The actors' ages are not imperative until the script

is delivered with writers depicting lesbian love scenes, pill-induced erections and a naked boy walking down the street.

In regular programming, sexual encounters, drug and alcohol use are monitored but still present. What makes "Skins" a totally different breed is their use of underage actors to play these promiscuous roles. The PTC promptly reacted, raising concerns and deeming the show "the most dangerous program that has ever been foisted on your chil-



Brittany Keithley  
Editor-in-Chief

dren." As they raised awareness, six advertisers quickly pulled their support and a possible child pornography case against the show was discussed.

As the network that pushed the envelope with "Jackass", decades of the drama-filled "Real World" and the consequential "16 & Pregnant" or "Teen Mom" should it really be any surprise that they crossed the line again?

In a society where controversy and sex sells more than ever, can anyone really believe that MTV didn't hatch this whole dilemma up? The routine premiere began to heat up as coverage picked up and words like "child pornography" were thrown around.

As MTV attempts to break away from their reality show molds and into the scripted

programming business, they needed fireworks to ignite their big debut. Knowing the way society turns toward controversy, it is completely probable that MTV planned to spark the debate and use the free publicity to their advantage.

The time spent to discuss this again and bring it to your attention proves that MTV's plan is working. They do not care if the press is good or bad, they just want people talking.

The show raises eyebrows and pushes the envelope but how much harm can it really do. If the PTC has a lawsuit and gets a check from MTV in the end, people will already have seen the episodes and the controversy behind it only sparks the debate and will add to MTV's infamously provocative image.

WHAT THE DEUCE

## Palin, it is too late for Reagan's policies



WALLY SKALIJ | MCT CAMPUS

Nancy Reagan speaks to a crowd at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California, Feb. 6. It would have been former President Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday.

In honor of the late president Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday Feb. 6, Sarah Palin opened celebrations at the Reagan Ranch Center Feb. 4 with a speech on the nation's direction. She firmly criticized the size of America's government, suggesting that Reagan would detest Obama's tax-and-spend Democratic policies.

"Reagan saw the dangers in L.B.J.'s Great Society," Palin said. "He refused to sit down and be silent as our liberties were eroded by an out-of-control centralized government that overtaxed and overreached in utter disregard of constitutional limits."

The problem lies not in what Palin said, but when she said it. In 2008, when our nation's power was changing hands, she spoke just as vehemently about states' rights, a return to our civil liberties and a reduction in government spending.

Three years later, it would be ridiculous to return to Reagan-era policies. Through mass government bailouts, the cash-for-clunkers program and other examples of Obama's stimulus package, our government has spent itself dry. Now, we sadly have no choice but to increase revenue from the taxpayer, or let foreign countries continue to buy up our debt. Palin, please save your ideas for 2012, when we are able to once again focus on tax cuts and smaller government.

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# GROWTH

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tions)... but that's the reality of where we are.

"So we cannot continue to increase the number of students on campus without recognizing that at some point there has to be an increase rather than a decrease of state appropriations."

Coming out of a five-year growth plan, which brought an enrollment increase of 16 percent, and looking toward other plans to increase by 30 percent, tough decisions are on their way.

"There are difficult choices that have to be made... the government's going to have to come up with some plan to help support that goal as well," Dunham said.

Considering Northwest currently operates at nearly full capacity in residence halls, dining services and classrooms, it is important to look at what would need to change if more than 2,000 students came to campus.

Residential Life currently houses approximately 40 percent of the University's total population, about 2,856 students. An enrollment increase of 30 percent would add around 1,000 students, with nowhere to go. Rose Viau, director of Residential Life, said more space would be needed to maintain 82 percent.

"With 2,000 extra (students at the University) I don't see how you couldn't need to expand campus," Viau said.

Res. Life already has a plan in place to increase the amount of living space on campus if needs arise. How-

ever, upcoming budget cuts and enrollment growth from the old five-year plan have hindered its completion.

When Hudson and Perrin Halls were built in 2007, the plan was to then tear down Franken Hall and eventually put up a newer and more spacious hall in its place.

"Now we have 219 students in a building that is supposed to be empty," Viau said.

If Missouri's current economic status continues, then Res. Life's buildings futures do not look so bright.

"In 14 years, several buildings will no longer be usable, no matter what," Viau said. "It's more expensive to maintain than to build new ones."

Operating at 82 percent, Res. Life is maintaining its desired capacity. With 2,200 more students they may overflow. Campus Dining lies in the same predicament, according to Mark Hetzler, director of Auxiliary Services.

"We feel like we're at capacity," Hetzler said. "We couldn't handle too many more students. At lunch time we're probably over capacity."

Government officials are under pressure to help education climb higher than competing nations. As Obama stressed in his State of the Union Address, American education is falling behind the pack. According to an October OECD poll, the US ranks 15 out of 29 countries polled in terms of number of certificates and degrees awarded per 100 students enrolled. It may take more than just higher enrollment rates, but the national and state leaders are committed to doing whatever it takes to improve education.

# POETRY

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stigma and raising its awareness. Taylor admits that working alongside people dealing with the illness enabled her to learn how to work in a place that did not involve judgment. Instead of passing judgment, she shares her own life experiences to send a message.

The artist speaks on a range of things that vary from controversial topics such as racism to comical poems about food and friends.

"I write to heal things; it's my way of processing," Taylor said.

She performs on many different stages for people going through the different stages of life: people in poetry clubs, homeless shelters and mental health prisons.

"I love everyone," Taylor said. "I will share with anyone willing to listen."

The woman of many words has the credentials to match. Taylor has a

master's degree in organizational management and an undergrad in sociology. She leads a busy life, and has poetic anecdotes to tell for the journeys that life has taken her. Once a military kid living out of a suitcase, she now resides in Washington D.C.

Adding to her list of accomplishments, the poet wrote "A little Truth on Your Shirt", a book that was published in May 2010. Currently, the inspirational diva is in the process of writing her own one-woman play entitled "Confessions of a Biological Drag Queen".

"Drag queens are always above and beyond femininity," Taylor said. "They do everything big and with this want to show that I am unashamed of being my biggest self and that I live in audacious resistance to being anything less than a woman."

As Taylor continues her journey, the charm, enthusiasm and authenticity of her lyrical flow reveals her passion for the spoken word and offers inspiration to others.

# TWADDLE

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"Most places if you have a school in town, most of the kids just want to get the heck out of there and go somewhere else," Bostwick said. "The tribute here is these kids want to stay here and go here. They dreamed of playing here."

For Twaddle, the comparisons to Burnside's have already begun with questions of the senior's intentions of being the player Burnside was.

"I can't say I'm going to be the next Myles, because obviously he worked very (hard) once he got to Northwest. It wasn't just given to him," Twaddle said. "Him, and Evan and all those guys set the bar so high. They really give you something to reach for."

In his final season as a 'Hound, Twaddle collected second team all-state honors on both the Coaches' and Missouri Sports Writ-

ers' All-State teams as a safety.

"He (was) definitely a physical player for us," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. "He really helped us out this year moving over to the offensive side of the ball. He's a pretty heady type player, intellectually. He understands why he's doing what he's doing (on the field)."

Twaddle, who is the only senior on the Maryville wrestling squad this year, caught the eyes of the Northwest coaching staff after Bostwick watched a handful of Twaddle's games in person.

"He's a really good competitor, he's a really good wrestler," Bostwick said. "He's won a lot of ball games. Those kids at Maryville High have played in two state championship finals in the last three years...those are the kind of guys we want. He's a good athlete. If this is where he wants to play football and go to school, we want to give him that opportunity. I'm honored to give him that chance."

# BOWL

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acter and followed in the footsteps of the likes of the Drew Brees' and Tom Bradys, valiantly leading his comrades through the fires of the NFC and the playoffs. Rodgers certainly did not fail to deliver once the big day rolled around. He even managed to bring home the Lombardi trophy and earn MVP game honors without a full utility belt when Mr. Reliable, Donald Driver, was forced from the game with an injury.

However, flip through any Batman comic and at this point you would notice Rodgers was missing one key element to his super hero get-up. What would any super hero or villain be without their sidekicks?

Rodgers teamed up with his longhaired partner, Clay Matthews, while Roethlisberger and James Harrison paired up to form a villainous duo. Unfortunately for Roethlisberger and Harrison, their season of luck ran out in an untimely 31-25 demise.

While the game lacked the cliché damsel in distress or the high octane car chases and explosions, it certainly didn't lack its share of fireworks.

While Roethlisberger failed to live up to the media hype, throwing two very ill-fated interceptions, Rodgers sliced through the Pittsburgh defense like a couple of feeble, amateur perps robbing a candy shop.

Rodgers out-dueled his counterpart for four quarters, putting Big Ben's reign of terror to an end. That is, until Roethlisberger visits the next college town bar.

# BOYS

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be a letdown at halftime," Kuwitzky said. "It's almost a feeling of we've done a good job so far or we haven't done a good job so far.

"I don't think we're stretching it out that the third quarter is as important as it is. I think we're coming out a little too laid back in the third quarter. We've got to pick up our intensity."

Baker and junior guard Tyler Walter led the way for

Maryville with eight points apiece.

The 'Hounds have another chance to right the ship tonight against Benton. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Maryville High School.

"They're a much better team than they were when we beat them in December by four," Kuwitzky said. "They're coming in here hungry for a win. They're a lot bigger and have more athleticism than we do. We out-executed them the first time we beat them. We're going to have to do all three things to beat them."



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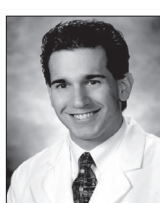
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# valentine's Day?

## Students share their wildest V Day tales

By Amanda Schulte-Smith  
Features Editor

Valentine's Day is a time of love, romance and coughing up the cash to pay for your date. Unfortunately, this holiday has seen its fair share of bad dates and embarrassing moments. Students give their take on the holiday that brings out the good, the bad and the ugly.

These stories are ranked by how crazy they are. Five hearts mark the wildest tales, and one heart stands for the mildly unpleasant stories.\*



\*Stories ranked by the opinions of The NW Missourian staff.



### Sad day

3/5 hearts



Andrew Park  
sophomore

"One time I went to a restaurant on V Day and I was, like, 17 so still pretty stupid and I hadn't made a reservation. I did not know we were supposed to and we ended up waiting about two hours to get a table and then we broke up that night."



### Second is the best

2/5 hearts



Tiffany Hilberry  
sophomore

"It was my junior year of high school and I had a boyfriend and I broke up with him because he decided to smoke illegal drugs instead of come over. Then the boy that lived down the street from me came over, took me to a movie and got me a present."



### Young Love

3/5 hearts



Rosalind Thiel  
junior

"My first boyfriend and I were going to exchange presents during recess and he got me a red stuffed bear with a diamond heart necklace. I think I got him candy kisses and we broke up a week later."



### Slimy situation

5/5 hearts



Talisa Boswell  
sophomore

"On Valentine's Day my freshman year in high school, I had a boyfriend and it was so sweet because he came to my house with a beautiful chocolate rose. The only thing is when I opened it and took a bite into it, there was a worm. I almost threw up because it was so gross."



### Night with friends

2/5 hearts



Jerry Fuentes  
Missouri Academy  
counselor

"My first Valentine's experience was when I was working for the University and I had to throw an event for around 200 people down in Long Beach, California. So we did a huge event and at the end we were just so tired that we ended up just eating at a 24-hour café on the beach and just hung out there all night."



### What was she thinking?

5/5 hearts



Nathan Cabaz  
freshman

"My freshman year of high school, there was this girl I was really liking and I was getting ready to ask her out, and it was no big secret that I was going to ask her out. So I waited till Valentine's Day and then I did it and she was really upset. When I asked her why, she said, 'No, my horoscope said that Feb. 16th something amazing was going to happen and I wanted you to ask me then, but you did it today and ruined it all.' And she said no and we never went out."

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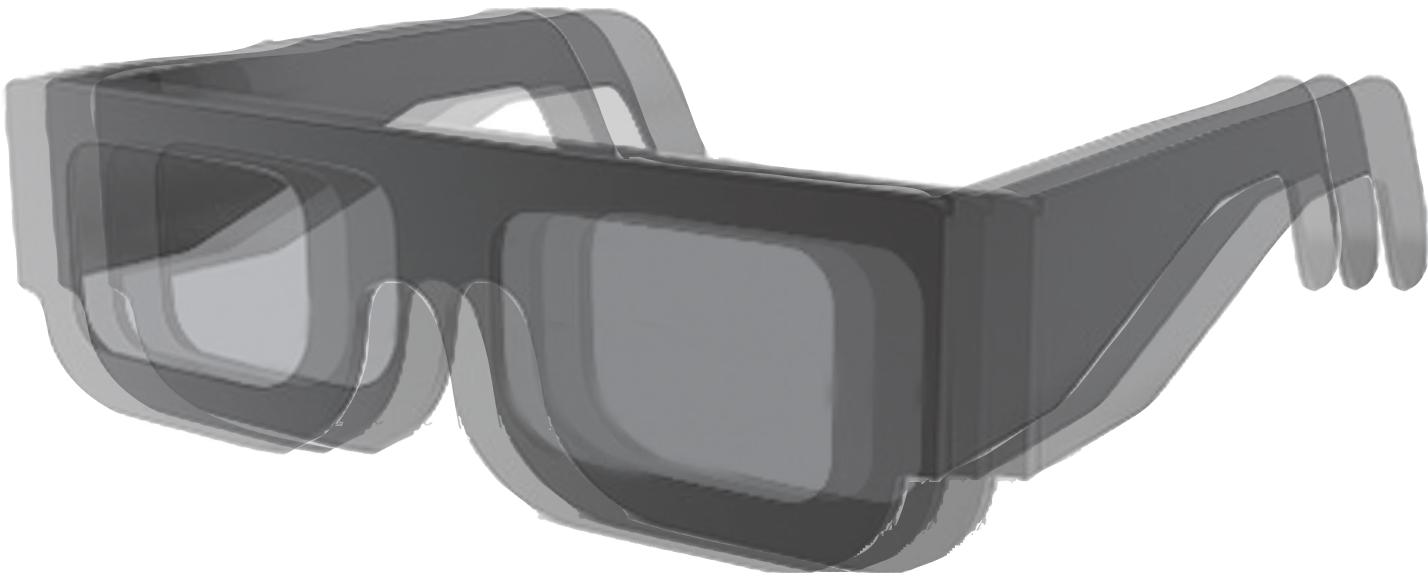




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# WARNING

## This page is 3-D



3-D fad raises the question: how long will it last?

By Amanda Schulte-Smith  
Features Editor

Unless you have been hiding under a rock for the past year and a half, it is not hard to notice the recent trends in movies these days. Almost every movie is offered in 3D, leaving us questioning if it is just a fad or if this is the new direction in tv and the big screen.

22 movies were released in 3-D, in the year 2010. Looking at releases for 2011 that number jumped to over 30. With the amount of money the box office is making from this trend, it is not hard to see why so many will be released with the 3-D option. The number of 3-D capable screens across the U.S and Canada jumped from 1,514 to 3,548 in just one year. James Cameron's 3-D movie "Avatar" earned more than \$730 million after it released in 2010.

Moving forward, more and more studios like Warner Brothers and Lionsgate are revising their newest films for the 3-D format. The problem is, movies shot in 2-D were not meant to be converted to 3-D, creating a lukewarm experience for viewers.

In order to film in 3-D, directors have to plan to shoot the film from

two different cameras in different angles. If the film was shot with only one camera, modifications made to it after the production can turn out to be less than expected. Because 3-D filming was meant to be planned ahead of time in order to get the best picture, unless the movie was originally intended for 3-D, studios should just leave it be.

Danny Thompson, general manager of KNWT, says he thinks the 3-D fad is just a gimmick, and that movies made in 3-D should focus on the story rather than the 3-D experience.

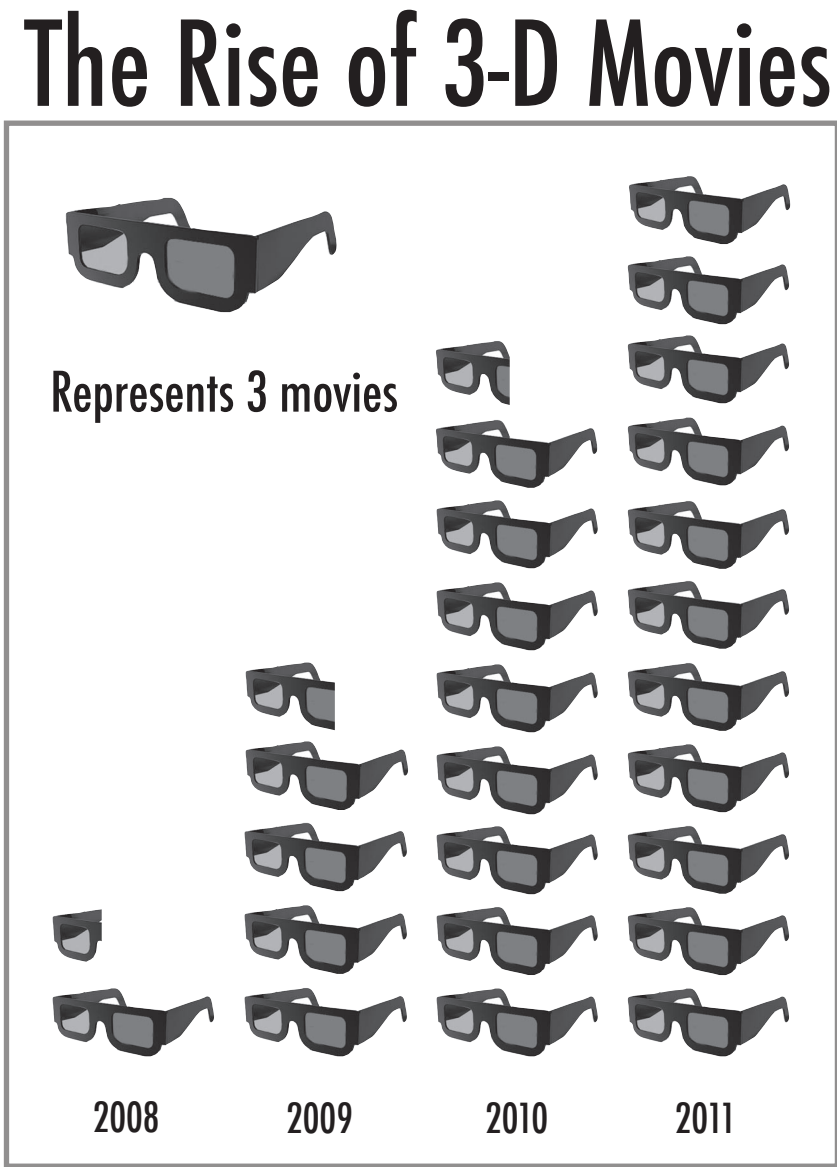
"The market is pushing for it and that is why it is so popular. Avatar did a great job with 3-D. Most movies were originally made in 2-D and don't turn out as good when they try to convert it," Thompson said.

The question still remains: will movies continue to be in 3-D? With the recent release of 3-D availability at home, many question if it could be a whole new way to watch television.

"We had HD in the '80s and that was considered a luxury. That's all the 3-D tv is now," Thompson said.

Gimmick or not, we cannot expect to see the glasses disappearing any time soon as the rage for 3-D movie experience continues to roll on.

<b>Avatar</b> \$760,507,625
<b>2010</b> grossing 3D movies of all time
<b>Toy Story 3</b> \$415,004,880
<b>Alice in Wonderland</b> \$334,191,110
<b>Up</b> \$293,004,164
<b>Despicable Me</b> \$251,513,985
<b>Shrek Forever After</b> \$238,736,787
<b>How to Train Your Dragon</b> \$217,581,231
<b>Monster Versus Aliens</b> \$198,351,526
<b>Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs</b> \$196,573,705
<b>Tangled</b> \$192,177,237





# What's HOT

## Janet Jackson's furry problem

The opening show for Janet Jackson's tour, Number Ones: Close and Personal, last Friday was met with protestors from PETA. The animal rights group was protesting Jackson's recent ad campaign for Blackglama's Life of Mink fur item.

## Super Bowl Commercials

From Bud Light to Bieber, the 2011 Super Bowl commercials had viewers laughing long after the game ended.

# What's NOT

## No, no Power Rangers

Nickelodeon released their version of the '90s hit show "Power Rangers" earlier this month. Needless to say, the original was better.

## The Super Bowl Halftime Show

The Black Eyed Pea's performance at this year's Super Bowl was definitely less than satisfactory. What happened to classic acts like the Rolling Stones and Paul McCartney?

## Christina Aguilera Flub

Football fans united in a huge jaw-dropping riot as the singer took the stage to sing the National Anthem and completely botched the words.

# Cameron fails with claustrophobic plot

By Ben Lawson  
Missourian Reporter

Sanctum pushes characters into intense and exciting life or death situations, but quickly falls into an incoherent and claustrophobic downward spiral.

This movie claims to be a James Cameron production, but Cameron was only an executive producer. This film sees little of his creative touch, and it shows.

The film follows a group of cave divers trying to navigate the largest unexplored cave left in the world. When a tropical storm hits, the cave begins to flood and their adventure begins early as the exploration crew is forced to go deeper into the cave to find a way out to keep from drowning.

Sanctum is not for the claustrophobic. The majority of

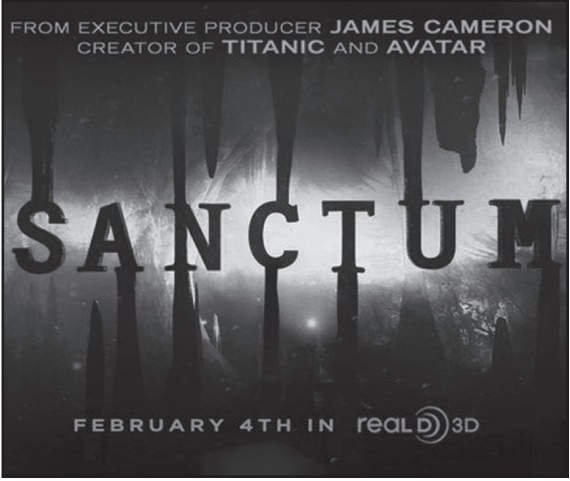
the movie takes place in a dark and tight cave. The camera is up close for all of the action in the movie, which causes viewers to feel enclosed. This makes the actions and locations of the characters hard to follow. One stretch of the cave starts to look just like the last and by the end, the audience is just as relieved to get out of that cave as the divers.

Despite the extreme peril, the characters come out one-sided. Almost no character development occurs before the team finds themselves stranded. Aside from a brief introduction, which shows nothing other than insanity or possibly suicidal tendencies, no insight is given into the characters. Even with these flaws, the actor give sufficient performances. The cast does not feature any big name stars but that does not mean

they are lacking talent. No one will earn an Oscar but the talent in this film definitely makes the characters more relatable.

It seems a person's mental state could be a focal point in a movie where people are forced to think logically and calmly in order to survive. But only a solitary scene near the end of the movie plunges deep into a human's motivation to live and just how far a person can be mentally pushed under this stress. If this factor was focused on it would have added a great deal of credibility to the film.

The tagline for this film says "The only way out is down" and that could not be more true. This movie has plenty of negative forces working against it and even fewer positive forces. Moviegoers should think twice before taking the plunge.



Runtime- 109 minutes	2/5 Paws
Release Date- February 4	
Director- Alister Grierson	Genres - Action, Adventure, Drama, Thriller
Rating- R	

## THE STROLLER

# Tjeerdsma takes back his retirement

In a shocking turn of events, former Northwest football head coach Mel Tjeerdsma denounced his retirement and revealed his new plans to stay at Northwest for "at least a few more championships." We now go live to our reporter in the field, Your Man.

Thank you. This certainly is exciting and unexpected. But apparently, this was Tjeerdsma's plan all along. Less than a month after he announced that he was stepping down as head coach, he issued a statement that was equally shocking.

"Sup fools, looks like y'all just got PUNK'd!!" Tjeerdsma said in his press release.

Looking back at the days before

the now infamous press conference where the legend announced his retirement, it is easy to see the relevance of his peculiar behavior. For example, when he removed his shirt to show off his freshly tattooed "COACH T 4 LIFE" that spanned across his shoulder blades in Gothic lettering, onlookers stared, aghast.

Another tip could have been his tweet history immediately following his retirement announcement, which contained messages such as "Hey guys I'm retiring jk lol," and "Don't think ur gonna get rid of me that easily ;)" or even "BTW, that announcement was complete bull-hockey. I'll retire from head coach when the Bell Tower plays Nicki Minaj." But they say our hindsight is

20/20, so it is easy to look back now and piece together those seemingly incongruous clues.

Time will tell who wins the battle for head coach supremacy between Tjeerdsma and newly positioned Scott Bostwick. And when I say battle, I mean brawl. The last we saw, the two of them were seen grasping each other's throats in the middle of downtown Tokyo, smashing buildings and terrorizing suspiciously slow-moving Japanese locals. Also, Mike the Dog was there too, resurrected from the dead in bionic form.

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# SUDOKU Solutions

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- In development, as software
- Ancient meeting place
- Blake
- School since 1440
- Really enjoy
- Symbolic ring
- "Oklahoma!" prop?
- Heavenly bodies
- Subject of a 2009 national tournament cheating scandal
- Time off spent with Rover?
- Star car
- Downsizing event?
- Extend across
- Fingers
- Fumble (for)
- Undercover operations where agents can bring guests?
- Tampa NFLer
- Jobs, idiomatically
- Tesla, by birth
- Sol lead-in
- Creative output
- Dance for louses?
- "Beau \_\_\_": Gary Cooper film
- Head of government?
- Body shop figs.
- Close connection
- Water carrier
- Taser switch?
- Mickey's "The Wrestler" co-star
- "Young" reformer
- Fancy shoes for the campaign trail?
- "Young Frankenstein" lab assistant
- Small thicket
- Lollipop, for one
- Cheers
- Exhaust
- A long, long time

Down

- "Summertime" singer
- Caesarean rebuke
- Warty hopper
- Luanda natives
- Rock collection?
- Needle-nosed fish
- Numbered piece
- Sign of age
- Garden pest
- Round jewelry item
- Not easily topped
- Jessica of "Sin City"
- Bridal accessory
- Scratching (out)
- Butts
- Deepwater Horizon, for one
- Disconcerting look
- Penguins' home
- Blackmore heiress
- Took a sinuous path
- Knitting stitches
- Sci. concerned with biodiversity
- Thick carpet
- Behave
- Co. that merged into Verizon
- Clear as mud
- Texting button
- Newscast segment
- Mighty Dump Trucks, e.g.
- Saucers and such
- Made lots of calls, in a way
- Mix
- Hip Charlie, in ads
- At the peak of
- "Kick, Push" rapper \_\_\_ Fiasco
- "As I see it," online
- Go a few rounds?
- Slithery threats
- Co. with a butterfly logo



WOMEN’S BASKETBALL



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SENIOR POST KYLA Roehrig snags a pass Saturday at Bearcat Arena. Roehrig grabbed 15 rebounds and scored nine points in the 'Cats' 61-50 win over Pittsburg State.

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G. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Bishop LeBlond .	14-3	2-0
Smithville.....	15-4	1-0
Benton .....	11-8	2-1
Maryville.....	14-3	1-1
Savannah .....	10-6	1-1
Lafayette .....	6-13	1-2
Chillicothe.....	5-7	0-2
Cameron .....	9-10	0-3

**Today:**  
MARYVILLE at Benton

**Tuesday:**  
MARYVILLE vs. Nebraska City (Neb.)

M. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern .	18-2	14-2
Fort Hays .....	19-3	13-3
Washburn.....	13-6	10-5
Neb.-Omaha....	13-7	10-6
Central Mo. ....	14-8	9-7
Pitt. State .....	12-8	8-8
S.W. Baptist ....	11-11	8-8
Emporia St. ....	11-12	8-9
Mo. Western....	9-11	7-8
Truman .....	6-13	4-11
NORTHWEST	6-14	4-12
Lincoln (Mo.) .	2-18	0-16

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NORTHWEST at Lincoln (Mo.)  
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Mo. Western at Neb.-Omaha

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Fort Hays at Central Mo.  
Pitt. State at Lincoln (Mo.)  
Washburn at S.W. Baptist  
Emporia St. at Mo. Southern

B. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Cameron .....	19-1	3-0
Smithville .....	14-5	2-0
Lafayette .....	13-8	2-1
Bishop LeBlond .	5-10	2-1
Maryville.....	11-7	1-2
Benton .....	3-15	1-2
Savannah .....	8-7	0-2
Chillicothe.....	3-14	0-4

**Tonight:**  
MARYVILLE vs. Benton

**Monday:**  
MARYVILLE vs. Auburn (Neb.)

W. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST...	17-3	13-3
Washburn.....	15-4	11-4
Emporia St. ....	15-6	12-6
Mo. Southern ...	13-7	11-5
Pitt. State .....	11-9	9-7
Fort Hays.....	11-9	8-8
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IN OTHER NEWS

Davis garners All-Star game MVP honors

Former Bearcat defensive end Roberto Davis' draft stock is rising. He recorded two sacks and recovered a fumble in the Texas vs. the Nation All-Star game on Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

For his efforts, he received the defensive Most Valuable Player award in Team Texas' 13-7 win.

Davis recovered a fumble with eight and a half minutes left to halt a Team Nation drive at Texas' 15-yard line and preserve the win.

Texas Tech quarterback Taylor Potts was named of-

fensive MVP after leading Team Texas to scores on its first two drives. Potts completed 9 of 15 passes for 107 yards in the game.

The game featured players eligible for the NFL Draft in April.

Former Bearcat cornerback Ryan Jones also participated in the game as a member of Team Texas.

Cornerback Kevin Rutledge and offensive lineman Tim Barnes from Missouri played for Team Texas. Offensive lineman Brad Thorson from Kansas and long snapper Corey Adams formerly of Kansas State were on the Team Nation roster.

Loe, team picked to finish 7th in MIAA

The MIAA coaches picked the Northwest baseball team to finish in seventh place in the conference this season.

Northwest received 61 points.

The 'Cats finished in sixth last season, taking three of four games from Washburn on the final weekend of the regular season to cap a 15-7 run and sneak into the MIAA Tournament. They put together a 20-34 campaign including a 18-20 record against conference foes.

Defending conference champion Central Missouri is the overwhelming favorite to repeat, garnering 11 of the 12 first places votes. The

Mules received 121 points.

Emporia State was picked to finish second. They earned 111 points and the other first place vote, since coaches cannot vote for their own team.

Nebraska-Omaha (100), Missouri Southern (80), Fort Hays State (79) and Missouri Western (74) were picked ahead of Northwest.

Washburn (60), Pittsburg State (43), Southwest Baptist (28), Truman State (21) and Lincoln (14) round out the poll.

The 'Cats open the season Feb. 26 against West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas. Conference play begins March 4 at Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.

Softball gets 7th place nod in coaches' poll

The MIAA released the pre-season softball coaches poll on Monday, projecting Northwest near the middle of the pack.

The Bearcats received 63 points, good enough for seventh place after finishing sixth last season with a record of 26-24 and a 9-11 finish in MIAA play.

Nebraska-Omaha received eight first place votes and totaled 118 points as the coaches' pick to win the conference.

Emporia State collected four first place votes and finished four points behind UNO.

Fort Hays (95), Missouri

Western (90), Central Missouri (86) and Washburn (64) were all selected in front of the 'Cats.

Truman State (44) came in eighth, followed by Missouri Southern (39), Pittsburg State (39), Southwest Baptist (29) and Lincoln (11).

The double-header scheduled for this weekend against Drury has been canceled. The Bearcats could still hit the road this weekend and play in the Northeastern State tournament in Tahlequah, Okla.

Northwest opens conference play against Washburn on March 25.

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# Losing streak hits 6

## Team lacking in key areas, looks to regroup fast

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

After being ranked No. 6 in Class 3, the Spoofhound boys' basketball team has dropped six straight games to fall out of the rankings.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said the team has been lacking in three different areas: effort, execution and finishing. The team has failed to do at least one of each in every game of the losing streak.

On Friday night, Maryville started fast, opening up a 29-15 half-time lead on Smithville.

"That's about as good a first half as we could play,"

Kuwitzky said. "We were shooting well. We were executing our offense, we were hustling hard."

Smithville turned the tide in the second half. The Warriors scored 20 points in the third quarter and limited the 'Hounds to six points to tie the game up at 35.

"We came out flat," Kuwitzky said. "We quit running our offense. We quit playing defense on the big guy and gave them all of the 14-point lead back."

Smithville scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to complete the comeback to grab a 49-48 victory. Senior guard Tyler Peve missed the potential game-winning shot at the buzzer.

"That was a tough one. That took a lot of wind out of our sail," Kuwitzky said.

Sophomore guard Jonathan Baker was the lone Spoofhound in double figures, pouring in 22 points and knocking down four 3-pointers.

After the close loss, the 'Hounds tried to turn their fortunes around Tuesday night against Mid-Buchanan, but the offense did not make the bus ride to Faucett, Mo.

Maryville did not score in double figures in any quarter, getting blown out 47-29.

The Dragons led 22-14 at the end of the first half and built on that lead in the third quarter. Mid-Buchanan scored 16 points in the period to stretch its lead to 15.

"I think part of it might

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SENIOR GUARD TYLER Walter dips past a Smithville defender Friday at Maryville High School.

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# Wrestlers eye big district success

By Chris Schoonover  
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhound wrestling team competed this weekend in Albany Mo., in preparation for districts. The 'Hounds finished fifth with the state tournament on the horizon.

The 'Hounds have nine wrestlers out for the team this year, making it impossible to fill all the slots in a dual.

"We don't have the numbers," head coach Joe Drake said "But, hopefully we can get as many as possible through districts."

Maryville will host the district tournament this weekend, with 14 teams competing for a chance to move on to state.

The 'Hounds return sophomore Jordan Zech, who finished one match short of earning all-state honors last year.

Another wrestler expected to make noise in the district meet is senior Will Twaddle. The future Bearcat football player is excited to be wrestling at home.

"This is the first time since I've been wrestling and since I've been associated with the program that we have had districts here," Twaddle said. "It has to be the highlight of my wrestling career so far."

The Class 1 District 4 Tournament begins at 6 p.m. Friday and continues at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Maryville High School.

The top four wrestlers in each weight division qualify for the state tournament in Columbia, Mo., Feb. 17-19.

SENIOR POST TAYLOR Gadbois looks for an open teammate in the 'Hounds' 62-21 win over Chillicothe on Tuesday night.



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# Big first quarter propels girls to victory

By Bryce Mereness  
Chief Sports Reporter

After a 45-35 loss Saturday in Smithville, The Spoofhounds rebounded to earn a 62-21 victory Tuesday against Chillicothe.

The 'Hounds scored early and often in the first quarter, leading 21-2 at the first break. The Hornets struggled to break the full court pressure and were held without a field goal in the period.

"I think it's the best effort we've had all year," head coach Grant Hageman said. "I think some of that is the loss on Saturday, frustration of the players. We thought we would go over to Smithville and play well but after the five day break, it just didn't go our way. I thought they came out and responded well to the fact we have to get better and districts start in 20 days."

After allowing a 3-pointer by Maddy Williams to open the second quarter, the 'Hounds went on another run, 20-2, to end the second quarter. Coming out after the break, Chillicothe began to show signs of life cutting into the 'Hounds' lead until two buckets by senior Molly Stiens closed the third frame.

"I was a little upset that we go in at halftime and talk about two or three things we want to improve on, to work on in this type of game," Hageman said. "We came out and turned it over too much so we had to get their attention, and after that I think we turned it around a little bit. ... I think they played a little better, they came out and showed some pride but we let down, turned the ball over too much."

Senior guard Mataya Wooten led the way for the 'Hounds with 16 points. Se-

nior guard Molly Stiens added 14 points.

"Our main focus was to move the ball," Wooten said. "When you move the ball you get good shots, but (coach) wanted us to pass up the good shots and get great shots. It was about all the teammates moving the ball, getting open."

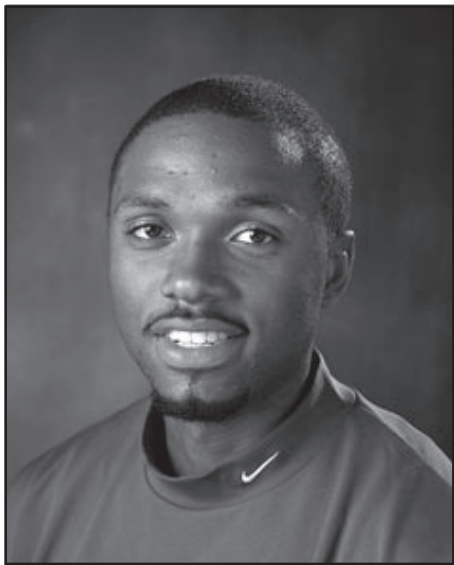
Maryville travels to Benton at 5:30 tonight in St. Joseph. The freshmen kick off with JV and Varsity to follow. Hageman is winless in his trips to Springer Gymnasium.

"I think it's one of the toughest places to play in the conference," Hageman said. "We've had some decent teams come through and we go there and we just lay an egg. Whether it's intimidation or I don't know what it is, we have not played well at Benton. It's a tough environment to play in for whatever reason for our girls."

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## BEARCATS

### Elijah Allen



Senior forward Elijah Allen moved into a tie for 10th on Northwest's All-Time scoring list with 1,200 points after a team-high 19 in the 65-64 win over Pitt State.

### Gabby Curtis



Senior guard Gabby Curtis scored a career-high 35 points along with four blocks and four steals in last Thursday's 85-65 win over Nebraska-Omaha.

### Mataya Wooten



Senior guard Mataya Wooten scored a team-high 16 points in Tuesday's 62-21 victory over Chillicothe. The senior added two 3-pointers in the effort.

### Molly Stiens



Senior guard Molly Stiens dropped in 14 points in Maryville's 62-21 beat down of the Chillicothe Hornets on Tuesday night at Maryville High School.

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Squads prep for MIAA

Track, field athletes focus on conference meet

By Orlando Carrizales  
Missourian Reporter

After a week off, the Bearcat men and women's track teams are ready for the approaching MIAA tournament. "Everyone is right where they need to be in the middle of the season," assistant coach Tessa Koschel said. "They are just a few throws, jumps, races away from just blowing up."

The Bearcats' last competed at the Central Missouri Mule Relays, Jan. 28 and 29. Two Northwest records were broken at the meet.

"It was a good meet," senior thrower Kate Walter said. "It was an OK throw, but definitely not to my potential quiet yet. It's the little things in practice."

Walter won the weight throw by throwing a program record 58 feet, 5.75 inches.

Freshman sprinter and multi-athlete

Ashli Mosby also brought home first for the 'Cats. Mosby dropped .53s from her preliminary run to win the 60-meter hurdles in 8.96s.

Junior sprinter Tyler Shaw grabbed a couple of wins in Warrensburg. Shaw ran a 8.27s heat to win the 60-meter hurdles. He also squeezed by in the 200-meter run, running a 22.60s, winning by .09s.

Junior heptathlete Zane Myers set a new school record for the heptathlon. He placed first in the shot put throwing 41 feet 8 inches. Myers placed second overall with 4,728 points.

"I feel really fortunate. Thanks to a lot of our coaches, and training staff," Myers said.

The men are currently ranked sixth in the South Central Region, while the women are currently 10th.

The Bearcats will participate in the Concordia Open on Saturday in Concordia, Neb.

"I'm ready to go," Myers said. "I expect our team to compete a lot better than we have in the past. Me, I hope to get over 4,800 points."



MEMBERS OF THE track and field team warm up before practice Tuesday morning in Bearcat Arena.

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SENIOR FORWARD ELIJAH Allen lays the ball up over two defenders on Saturday. Allen had 19 points and six rebounds in the 'Cats' narrow 65-64 victory.



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Losing, struggles do not dash senior's high spirits

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

Sometimes the toughest opponent a team faces is not the opponent on the court, but rather a lingering thought. This is true for the Northwest men's basketball team.

Adversity is the toughest opponent this team has faced all season and it has taken many forms.

Through it all though, the 'Cats have kept their heads up and stayed positive.

"I'm tired of losing," senior forward Elijah Allen said. "I've been in the gym a lot. We've had some up and down games this year, but we came out here and just kept our heads up. When that moment (of adversity) came, we just kept with it and stayed positive."

Allen has been the catalyst

of that positive attitude and has also suffered through the most losing as the elder statesman of the team.

"These guys continue to buy in (to what we're doing)," head coach Ben McCollum said. "I think that's a reflection of Elijah's attitude where he is extremely positive. He never quits. He's very loyal. He just stays with it and stays positive with his teammates."

But the wins, like Saturday's 65-64 win over Pittsburg State, make overcoming the adversity that much sweeter.

Northwest jumped out early, going up by eight points to start the game and as many as 12 points in the first half.

The 'Cats led by eight, 32-24, at halftime and held a comfortable lead for most of the second half.

Every time the Gorillas made a run, Allen had an

answer. He finished with a team-high 19 points.

At the 7:24 mark, freshman guard Tyler Funk cut to the hoop and was fouled as he hit the layup. He converted the free throw to give Northwest a 61-51 lead, and then the adversity hit again.

The Bearcats did not hit another shot from the field for the rest of the game.

"We started to face adversity," Cooper said. "Adversity is tough to overcome, especially when we're four and whatever in the conference."

"We just wanted to get the 'W' and we overcame it this time."

Cooper hit a pair of free throws with just over five minutes remaining to keep the lead at 10 points.

"Sometimes it's almost harder to play ahead, especially when you've lost a few

games," McCollum said. "You tighten up a little bit, tonight we didn't tighten up."

The Gorillas countered with an 8-0 run over the next three minutes, but missed what would have been a game-tying jumper with 23 seconds left and were forced to foul.

Cooper went back to the line and knocked down both free throws to seal the victory and start the celebrating on the Bearcat bench.

Pitt State hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer, but it did not matter; the 'Cats persevered and held on for the win.

"It feels good. It feels great," Cooper said. "That we finally got the 'W' that we wanted. Maybe we can run with it"

Northwest hits the court again at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against rival Missouri Western in St. Joseph, Mo.

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# Some heroes skip the capes

By Tony Botts  
Sports Editor

Some athletes live a disguised life: ordinary person by day, super hero and defender of good under the bright lights.

Other athletes live under the cloak of evil and deceit.

This year was no surprise in the NFL. With the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger doing everything he could to make sure his name didn't become irrelevant with his off the field bar activities, the league was in search of a hero.

It was only a matter of time before Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers would finally take hold of the nation's attention. Now, in the year that it almost seems inevitable that Brett Favre will make his final exit (we hope) from the limelight, Rodgers fully stepped out from the shadows to take his place atop the league as a brilliant and shining light of hope.

On the other hand, Roethlisberger, easily one of the most hated athletes in all of sports right now, was to Rodgers as the Joker is to Batman. With a rap sheet that the media has feasted on throughout many seasons and offseasons, it was only fitting to make an appearance against one of the classiest acts in the February classic.

Of course, the Super Bowl wouldn't be complete without a battle between the All-American kind of guy and the guy that everyone loves to hate. Staying true to any epic film about super heroes, the good guy came out on top at the end of the day.

All season long, Rodgers carried his team on the shoulders of a former back up to another devious char-

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# Home Grown

## Senior townie grabs hold of hometown opportunity

By Tony Botts  
Sports Editor

He has played in two state title games while in high school, winning one, and is now hoping to play in a national championship game for his hometown team.

Senior safety Will Twaddle decided to make the jump from playing under the lights on Friday night to lacing up the cleats on Saturday afternoons.

"Mainly, it was just too good of an opportunity to pass up," Twaddle said. "I didn't want to go to college and be like 'Man, I wish I really would have played football and pursued that.' I just think it's going to be a good time."

"After seeing all the facilities, all the facilities are just so nice."

As a walk-on and a part of head coach Scott Bostwick's first recruiting class as a head coach, Twaddle continues the tradition of Maryville Spoofounds turning in their green and yellow to adorn a different shade of green as a Bearcat.

"That coaching staff is probably the best in D2," Twaddle said. "I mean, they've got some good coaches on that staff. I think that Bostwick's going to do a great job. He's been under Mel (Tjeerdsma) so long he'll keep the program going. The staff of coaches they have is pretty impressive."

Twaddle follows in the steps of players like former safety Myles Burnside, linebacker Evan Wilmes and current offensive coordinator Adam Dorrell who made names for themselves on Fridays and Saturdays in Maryville.

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## Bio Blast

2010 MEC All-Conference 1st team defensive back

2010 MEC All Conference 2nd team tight end

2010 All-District defensive back

2010 Coaches All-State 2nd team defensive back

2010 Missouri Writers Association All-State 2nd team defensive back

2009 MEC All-Conference 2nd team defensive back

Career interceptions: 11  
Sr. 2010: 5 ints  
Jr. 2009: 6 ints

2010 receiving: 24 receptions, 5 touchdowns

Ranked in top 5 in tackles as a junior and senior

JUNIOR GUARD ABBY Henry shoots over a Pitt State defender. Henry scored 21 points and added six assists in the 'Cats' 61-50 win.



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# Women pick up key wins

By Bryce Mereness  
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The Northwest women's basketball team picked up two key wins in the MIAA championship race.

Saturday's win over Pittsburg State featured a game changing moment just five minutes into the game. With just eight points scored between the teams, something had to change, and it did. After junior guard Brooke Conley missed the first of her three free throws, Pitt State head coach Lane Lord called the official over to chat. The discussion resulted in a realization that a men's sized ball was in use.

"We just as well used the men's ball because we shot like it the whole game," Head Coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

Even with the new ball, neither offense fell into their rhythm. The 61-50 victory marks the fewest points scored all season by the Bearcats.

"Pitt and us faced the same thing," Steinmeyer

said. "We both got out of our rhythm. We just had nothing that flowed. Pitt shoots 15 percent against the worst defense, I'm sorry, the second worst defense in the MIAA, so I'm not going to stand here and pound my chest saying that our defense did it. I think they were out of rhythm just like us."

Junior guard Abby Henry led the team with 21 points despite suffering a bloody nose in the first half. Senior guard Gabby Curtis added 11 points to the winning effort, her 19th game in double digits this season.

"I always get bloody noses at practice and coach always gets excited because he thinks I play better with a bloody nose," Henry said. "I don't know, I just wanted to go in and attack and be aggressive and try to make something happen whether I go in and get the shot or dish it off to someone else."

Washburn fell in Hays 68-59. The Lady Blue's loss gives Northwest a

game and a half advantage in the MIAA championship race.

"I have a goal of 10 (wins) to get into the MIAA (tournament), 20 to get in the NCAA (tournament), and then everything else is gravy," Steinmeyer said. "That's my goal, but I don't want them thinking that way."

"I don't want them thinking 'Well we got six to go, jeez if we go 5-1 we're going to at least tie.' I don't want them to think like that. I want them to be thinking 'Jeez we can get 18 wins if we beat Lincoln.' ... Once you start thinking like that you start playing absent minded and you don't want to do that."

Saturday's win followed a 85-65 victory over Nebraska-Omaha. Senior Gabby Curtis added a new career high 35 to the effort, taking the lead in scoring in the MIAA.

Northwest traveled to Jefferson City to face off with Lincoln on Wednesday. Saturday, the 'Cats make a visit to Missouri Western in St. Joseph.

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